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## OPGS News

**Free Service for Nonprofits.** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grant Services (OPGS)* provides nonprofit and government representatives with funding information at its Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC). This computer center provides access to funding databases, as well as the Internet. Staff is available to provide information on additional resources. The GIRC is located at John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 324. To schedule an appointment, contact Eric McIntyre at (202) 727-8900.

## Federal Opportunities

**Subway Train Location Overlay System.** *Department of Transportation* announces funds for cooperative agreements to support development, operational testing and evaluation of a rail transit overlay system to provide real time train location information in subways to a control center. A series of rail transit incidents that provided inexact train location during emergencies underscores the need for a proven subway train location technology for rail transit systems.

**Eligibility:** City or township governments, county governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, and for-profit organizations.

**Deadline:** November 12, 2008.

**Information:** Terrell Williams at (202) 366-0232 or [Terrell.Williams@dot.gov](mailto:Terrell.Williams@dot.gov); or go to: [http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants\\_financing\\_7829.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants_financing_7829.html).

**GrantID:** GD3013

## District Opportunities

**DCARTS International Grant Program.** *Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCARTS)* announces funds to support DC arts organizations to travel abroad to participate in cultural festivals, exhibitions, touring programs and other opportunities to share their talents. DCARTS recognizes the important role cultural communication plays in increasing international understanding. This program aims to cultivate the globalization of Washington's rich tradition of diverse cultural expression and support for highly accomplished artistic talent. This program is intended for District arts organizations to build viable arts experiences with other cultures and to strengthen global creative exchanges with international artists and arts organizations. Grantees must plan to share their cultural experience with District residents through a presentation, exhibition or workshop upon their return to the District.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations and community-based organizations.

**Deadline:** November 12, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

**Funds:** Awards range from \$3,000-\$20,000.

**RFA Release Date:** October 15, 2008.

**Pre-Application Workshops:** October 15, 2008, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. and October 29, 2008, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m., at DCARTS, 1371 Harvard Street, NW, Washington, DC.

**Required Letter of Intent:** November 4, 2008.

**Information:** (202) 724-5613 or go to: <http://dcarts.dc.gov>.

**GrantID:** GD3015

**Small Projects Program.** *Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCARTS)* seeks to make grant funds more accessible for small-scale arts projects with total budget that do not exceed \$4,000. Projects may include but are not limited to: art presentations; assistance in fundraising; marketing and management; documentation of artistic activities through photography, brochures, portfolios and demo tapes; and conferences, workshops or seminars that will enhance artistic and professional development.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofits, individuals, and community-based organizations.

**Deadline:** October 15, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

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**Information:** <http://dcarts.dc.gov/dcarts/cwp/view,a,3,q,528251.asp>.

**GrantID:** GD3011

**REVISED FY 2009 Ryan White Part A Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA)-Wide Grant.** *District of Columbia Department of Health* issued a revised notice of funding for this grant opportunity.

**REVISED RFA Release Date:** October 10, 2008.

**Information:** T'Wana Holmes at (202) 671-4900 or go to:

<http://www.opgd.dc.gov/opgd/cwp/view,a,1316,q,609787.asp>.

**Electronic Grants Clearinghouse.** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grant Services* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: <http://opgs.dc.gov/>, select District Grants Clearinghouse.

District Agency	Funding Opportunity	Deadline
Office of the City Administrator (OCA) Justice Grants Administration (JGA)	Community-Based Violence Reduction Fund (CBVRF)	October 20, 2008,
Serve DC	AmeriCorps*State Competitive Grants	October 31, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.
District of Columbia Department of Health	FY 2009 Ryan White Part A Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA)-Wide Grant	November 21, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.
Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD)	Commercial District Technical Assistance Program (CD-TAP)	Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

## Foundation Opportunities

**Women and Girls Programs.** *The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Educational Foundation* works to advance educational and professional opportunities for women in the U.S. Funding is available to support innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equity for women and girls. Special consideration is given to projects focused on K-12 and community college girls' and women's achievements in science, technology, engineering, or math. Awards are available to provide seed money for new projects and start-up funds for longer-term programs that address the particular needs of the community and develop girls' sense of efficacy through leadership or advocacy opportunities.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations.

**Deadline:** January 15, 2009.

**Funds:** Awards range from \$5,000-\$10,000.

**Information:** [http://www.aauw.org/education/fga/fellowships\\_grants/community\\_action.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/education/fga/fellowships_grants/community_action.cfm).

**GrantID:** GD3014

## Announcements and Resources

**Community Recycling.** *The Coca-Cola/NRC Recycling Bin Grant Program* supports local community recycling programs by providing recycling bins to selected organizations for the collection of beverage container recyclables in public settings. Bins will be provided to applicants who can demonstrate how their proposals will lead to sustainable recycling opportunities. The program offers recycling bins designed for use at community events or functions, public facilities, and programs or events conducted by applicants. The deadline for applications is October 17, 2008. Eligible applicants include government agencies, civic groups, schools, nonprofit organizations, and for-profit companies. For further information, go to: <http://bingrant.org/home.htm>.

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**Exemplary Social Service Professionals Awards.** *The Superstar Foundation* seeks to award the highest performing direct service staff from effective social service organizations across the country. Grants are awarded to outstanding social service professionals in the following fields: youth development, including early childhood learning; after-school/out-of-school youth services; adult men's services; adult women's services; and family services. The deadline for applications is October 31, 2008. Approximately 5 awards up to \$2,000 are available. For further information, go to: <http://www.superstarfoundation.org/>.

## Previous Announcements and Resources

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**2009 SeaWorld/Busch Gardens Environmental Excellence Awards.** *SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund* recognizes outstanding efforts of students and teachers across the U.S. who works at the grassroots level to protect and preserve the environment. Projects must be sponsored by a school group such as a grade level, classroom, or club. The deadline for applications is November 28, 2008. Approximately 8 projects will be selected and receive \$10,000; an all-expenses-paid trip for three students and one adult leader to a SeaWorld or Busch Gardens park for a special awards event; 100 T-shirts to share with their school and community partners; and an award trophy and participation certificate for the project leader. For further information, go to: [http://www.swbg-conservationfund.org/projects\\_Awards.html](http://www.swbg-conservationfund.org/projects_Awards.html).

**Domestic Violence Program Awards.** *The Mary Byron Foundation* recognizes the pioneering efforts of institutions that demonstrate an innovative approach to confronting the root causes of domestic violence and developing solutions to break the cycle. Each year the Foundation provides awards programs that can serve as models for the nation. Eligible nominations include nonprofit organizations and government agencies that provide programs that address the issue of domestic violence and have operated for a minimum of three years. The deadline to submit nominations is October 17, 2008. For further information, go to: [http://www.marybyronfoundation.org/work\\_solutions.html](http://www.marybyronfoundation.org/work_solutions.html).

**FOTOWEEKDC.** The week of November 15-22, 2008, will mark the launch of the first annual gathering of a diverse and wide-ranging photography community in the nation's capital. Hundreds of the Washington metropolitan area galleries, museums, nonprofit organizations, restaurants and coffee houses have committed to participating in FOTOWEEKDC. Participants will show the work of local photographers or photography of national or historical renown. This event is a united effort to focus on the art of photography from the gallery communities of the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. Nonprofit organizations are encouraged to mount gallery exhibits in their own or borrowed space that illustrate their mission and work in the community through the medium of photographic images. For further information, go to: <http://fotoweekdc.org>

**REVIEWERS, 2009 AmeriCorps\*State Competitive Grant Competition.** *Serve DC* is seeking individuals to review grant proposals received for the 2009 AmeriCorps\*State Competitive funding competition. This is an excellent opportunity to network with colleagues in the national service field, learn more about the grant-making process, develop your own grant-writing skills, and contribute your knowledge and experience to Serve DC's efforts to select high-quality Washington, DC-based programs for AmeriCorps funding. Reviewers are required to be available on November 5, 2008, 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., and November 14, 2008, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. The deadline to submit resumes is October 10, 2008. For further information and to submit a resume, contact Natalie Wasserman, AmeriCorps Program Officer, Serve DC, 441 4th Street, Suite 1140N, Washington, DC 20001 or (202) 727-9579, or [natalie.wasserman@dc.gov](mailto:natalie.wasserman@dc.gov); or go to: [www.serve.dc.gov](http://www.serve.dc.gov).

**Outstanding Young Leaders Honored.** *Nestle USA* honors young people between 13 and 18 years of age who have excelled in school and are making their community and the world a better place. Nominees should have strong backgrounds in citizenship, school, community involvement, and reading. Honorees will be featured in a special publication and honored at a ceremony in Los Angeles, CA, in the summer of 2009. The deadline to submit nominations is November 20, 2008. Approximately 25 awards for \$1,000 will be donated in the name of each winner to the charity of his or her choice. For further information, go to: <http://www.nestle-verybestinyouth.com/>.

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**Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.** *Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals* honor middle and high school students for volunteer community service. Eligible applicants include any young person grades five through twelve who has engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred at least partly during the twelve months prior to the date of application. Deadline for applications is October 31, 2008. Local honorees are selected in November, and from these winners, two state honorees are chosen from each state and the District of Columbia. Ten national honorees are selected and announced at a ceremony in Washington, DC, in May of 2009. State Honorees receive an award of \$1,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, DC, for national recognition events. National Honorees receive an additional award of \$5,000. For further information, go to: <http://www.prudential.com/spirit/>.

**Teach Award Program.** *Best Buys* recognizes and rewards creative uses of interactive technology in K-12 classrooms. Winning programs focus on kids using technology to learn standard-based curriculum, rather than on teaching students to use technology or educators using technology that children aren't able to use hands-on. Eligible applicants include nonprofit K-12 public, private, parochial, magnet, and charter schools. The deadline for applications is October 12, 2008. Awards range from \$1,000-\$10,000. For further information, go to: <https://bestbuyteach.scholarshipamerica.org/>.

**Teacher Grants.** *The School, Home, & Office Products Association Kids In Need Foundation* announces funds to support K-12 educators with providing innovative learning opportunities for their students. The deadline for applications is September 30, 2008. Awards range from \$100-\$500. For further information, go to: <http://www.kidsinneed.net/grants/index.php>.

**The City Recycling Challenge.** *The U.S. Conference of Mayors* is accepting applications to reward cities for recycling aluminum beverage cans. Cities will compete against like-sized cities in four divisions determined by population. The following types of awards are being offered: Most Cans Collected awards will be presented to the city in each division that collects the most recyclable aluminum beverage cans between October 1 and October 31, 2008; Most Innovative Ideas awards will be presented to one city in each division for developing the most exciting ideas to promote aluminum beverage can recycling in their community; and Partner with Local Keep America Beautiful (KAB) Affiliate awards recognize cities that partner with their local KAB organization to create the most sustainable aluminum beverage can recycling initiative. The deadline to enroll is September 30, 2008. Awards range from \$2,500-\$5,000. For further information, go to: <http://www.cans4cash.com/cansforcash/default.aspx>.

**Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's Tylenol National Child Care Teacher Awards.** *The Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation* acknowledges the critical role of child care teachers in providing quality early care and education. Child care teachers from all fifty states and the District of Columbia will be selected for their commitment and dedication to the children they serve. Each applicant is asked to design an enhancement project for the children in their classroom illustrating the educational, social, and emotional benefits of the project. The deadline for applications is December 31, 2008. Approximately 50 awardees will receive \$500 - \$1000 as a stipend acknowledging each child care teacher's special dedication and \$500 to fund the classroom enhancement project they designed. One recipient will receive the Helene Marks Award and an additional \$1,000. Winners will be honored at an awards ceremony in Pennsylvania on April 1, 2009. For further information, go to: [http://www.tllccf.org/pr\\_nccta.php](http://www.tllccf.org/pr_nccta.php).

## Tools

**Effective Practices for Engaging At-Risk Youth in Service.** *Youth Service America* announces a new publication designed to provide an overview of the underlying theory and effective practices for promoting service-learning for young people. Public officials, youth service and service-learning practitioners and teachers, researchers, and others whose mission is to plan and implement community service programs for youth will find this guide helpful. To review and download a copy, go to: [http://tools.ysa.org/downloads/modules/Engaging\\_At-Risk\\_Youth\\_in\\_Service.pdf](http://tools.ysa.org/downloads/modules/Engaging_At-Risk_Youth_in_Service.pdf).



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**Free Training Call: Nonprofit Marketing Basics.** *Network for Good* is hosting a free training with Seth Godin. Mr. Godin has spent his career helping nonprofits find a way to stand out. On September 16, 2008, at 1:00 p.m., Mr. Godin will offer his advice directly to nonprofits during Network for Good's Nonprofit 911 teleconference series. Learn the tricks and common pitfalls of nonprofit marketing and get practical tips for creating messages that compel action. Meet Mr. Godin, and learn how and why to use these tips as part of your nonprofit organization's marketing fundraising plans. For further information and registration, go to: <http://info.networkforgood.org/np911091608/>.

**New IRS 403(b) Requirements.** *Mike Sorrells from Cherry, Bekaert, & Holland, L.L.P* provides a brief overview of the preparations needed to meet the new IRS 403 (b) requirements. The new IRS reporting and compliance regulations for 403(b) retirement plans will take effect on January 1, 2009. Most tax exempt employers and employees are aware that the 403(b) plan offers a significant vehicle for retirement savings. Unlike the 401(k) plan commonly used in the for-profit environment, 403(b) arrangements have never been regulated or subject to the same level of scrutiny by the government. However, this will soon change. For plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, 403(b) plans that are subject to ERISA will need to comply with the same annual reporting requirements as other tax advantaged (qualified) plans. For further information, go to: <http://www.cbh.com/bulletin-403bplan.php>.

**The Google Grants Program.** *Google* is accepting applications from organizations throughout the U.S. that share the company's philosophy of community service, especially in areas such as science and technology, education, global public health, the environment, youth advocacy, and the arts. Recipients are awarded in-kind advertising support and can use their award of Google's AdWords advertising to inform and engage their constituents online and raise the organization's awareness and increase traffic. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. There is an open deadline date. For further information, go to: <http://www.google.com/grants/>.

**Volunteering in American.** *Corporation for National and Community Services (CNCS)* announces a website initiative that provides an in-depth look at volunteering trends, statistics, tools, and resources throughout the U.S. The website provides insight into who is volunteering, what types of volunteer activities they're doing, and what motivates them to begin and sustain their service. Comprehensive information on volunteering in all 50 states and 162 cities across the country is provided. Users can assess how states and cities rank by volunteer rates and volunteer hours, as well as other factors related to volunteering. For further information, go to: <http://www.volunteeringinamerica.gov/>.

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